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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: ROUND III PREPARATIONS

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1. TO PERMIT USDEL TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN ROUND III DISCUSSIONS, AT WHICH HE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ASSISTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS, HE URGES THAT EDAC PERSONNEL AT ALL LEVELS REVIEW THEIR PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT HE IS PROVIDED NOT ONLY WITH FINAL, CLEARED INSTRUCTIONS BUT ALSO MAXIMUM TECHNICAL AND INTELLIGENCE BACK-UP MATERIAL.

2. AN INCIDENT DURING THE APRIL 17 ROUND II DISCUSSION OF IL 1588 (SEPTTEL) HIGHLIGHTS THE PROBLEM. DURING THE DISCUSSION, DR. FINKLER LOOKED IN OUR FILES FOR A POSITION PAPER HE HAD PREPARED LAST FALL ON THE PENDING JAPANESE PROPOSAL, WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE ROUND I DISCUSSION LAST DECEMBER. THIS HAS NOT BEEN FOUND, HOWEVER, AND HAD

APPARENTLY GONE ASTRAY SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, NEVER REACHING THE USDEL EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER OUR REPORTING OF THE ROUND I DISCUSSION. THE POSITION DR. FINKLER GAVE NOW COULD,

AND SHOULD, HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE JAPANESE

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(OR ALSO THE COMMITTEE) BETWEEN THE ROUNDS, EITHER TO

CLOSE OUT THE ITEM OR TO JUSTIFY OUR OTHERWISE UNMOTIVATED RESERVE.

3. USDEL WOULD POINT OUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED COPIES OF THE BULK OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS, NOR INTELLIGENCE STATEMENTS ON THE BULK OF THE ITEMS OPEN TO REVIEW, NOR, ON

A REGULAR BASIS, DOD/ISA MEMORANDA

DEALING WITH PENDING ITEMS. THOSE WHICH WERE HAND-CARRIED BY MEYERS, STEENBERGEN, SCHROEDER AND JAMES TO EARLIER SESSIONS PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL DURING DEBATES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT AGENCIES MAY BE HESITANT TO PROVIDE USDEL WITH MATERIAL NOMINALLY "IN-HOUSE", OR REFLECTING INTER-AGENCY DISAGREEMENTS, BUT, IF HE IS TO DO AN ADEQUATE JOB IN ROUND III, HE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET.

4. OTHER RECENT ITEM REPORTING HAS REFLECTED THE DISMAY OF WASHINGTON TEAM EXPERTS THAT FINAL INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SO FAR OUT OF LINE WITH TTG REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED WITH INTER-AGENCY PARTICIPATION. USDEL ALSO FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO READ, AS IN THE FEB 28 TTG REPORT ON IL 1587, RECOMMENDATIONS APPARENTLY PREPARED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH CERTAIN EXPERTS, AND THEN, IN THE FINAL INSTRUCTION IN STATE 87444, TO FIND THE SAME EXPERT CITED AS ESPOUSING A DIFFERENT POSITION. IF IT IS NOT ALREADY BEING DONE, WE RECOMMEND THAT EXPERTS CONSULTED DURING THE PREPARATION OF TTG REPORTS BE PROVIDED WITH PROMPT, PERSONAL COPIES TO THOSE REPORTS SO THAT ANY POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES OF UNDERSTANDING CAN BE IRONED OUT MUCH EARLIER ON IN THE PROCESS. THE EXISTENCE OF LAST-MINUTE DISAGREEMENTS IN ROUND III WILL, WE FEEL, CRIPPLE USDEL PARTICIPATION.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY POUCHING, AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, OF BACKGROUND TECHNICAL AND INTELLIGENCE MATERIALS CONCERNING ITEMS UP FOR ROUND III DISCUSSION. WGI CHAIRMAN AND OEA LIST REVIEW COORDINATOR MAY ALSO WISH TO REVIEW THEIR ITEM FILES TO SEE THAT WE RECEIVE EARLIER PERTINENT MATERIALS NOT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

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